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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 3, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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